GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS & T Department - Forest Protection – Rescind orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.1, EFS&T(Section. II) Department, dated 21.01.2022 – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 52 **Dated: 02-12-2024**

1. G.O.Ms.No.217, Finance (HR.I) Department, dated 25.11.2014.
2. G.O.Ms.No.103, EFS&T (Section.II) Department, dated 29.12.2014.
3. G.O.Ms.No.41, G.A.(SEB-II) Department, dated 09.05.2020.
4. G.O.Ms.No.118, G.A.(SEB-I) Department, dated 26.11.2020.
5. G.O.Ms.No.120, GA(SEB.I) Department, dated 26.11.2020.
6. The Commissioner, Special Enforcement Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr.No.Cr.No.616/2020/SEB/D1, dated 22.03.2021.
7. E-file of GA (SEB-II) Dept., Ref.No.GAD01-AR0ACTS(RTI)/1/2021-SEB-II.(Computer No.1379786)
8. G.O.Ms.No.1, EFS&T(Section. II) Department, dated 21.01.2022.
9. Govt.Memo.No.1819/Section.II/2021/1523900, EFS&T (Section.II) Dept., dated 24.01.2022.
10. G.O.Ms.No.84, GA(SEB-I) Dept., dated 10.09.2024.

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ORDER :

In the G.O.1st read above, orders have been issued creating 463 posts for establishing the armed Joint Task Force consisting of Police and Forest personnel, called the "Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force (RSASTF)" which shall function under the command and administrative control of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) or any other senior officer specifically designated by him in this regard under the supervision of Inspector General of Police, Rayalaseema Region for operations and other related matters.

2. In the G.O.2nd read above, orders were issued extending the jurisdiction throughout the State of Andhra Pradesh for enforcement and investigation of all matters involving illegal activities pertaining to Red Sanders within the State of Andhra Pradesh. The RSASTF exercises its powers as a Police Station as defined in Criminal Procedure Code and enforces the relevant provisions of Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code, Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and such other Acts and Rules as applicable relating to matters involving Protection of Red Sanders.

3. In the G.O.3rd read above, orders have been issued creating a new Department i.e., "Special Enforcement Bureau" with a view to enforce a robust mechanism with a special focus by creating a dedicated and specialized Department to curb all kinds of illegal activities relating to liquor and sand. The Department of "Special Enforcement Bureau" is part of General Administration Department and is headed by the Director General of Police (HoPF) as Ex-Officio Principal Secretary to Government. "The Special Enforcement Bureau" will have a Commissionerate headed by the Commissioner who will be the Head of Department (HoD) in the rank of Inspector General of Police or above and there will be one Addl.SP/ASP, Special Enforcement Bureau in each District for all the 18 Police Units.

4. In the G.O.4th read above, the Government have notified the structure and staffing pattern of the "Special Enforcement Bureau", along with SEB stations and jurisdiction of the 208 SEB stations.

5. In the G.O.5th read above, orders have been issued according permission to "Special Enforcement Bureau" Department to handle the offences like Gambling and Gaming of all kinds including online betting, Matka etc., Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances like Ganja etc., manufacturing and sale of banned products like Gutka etc., and smuggling of Red Sanders.

6. In the letter 6th read above, the Commissioner of Special Enforcement Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has requested the GA(SC.II) Department to substitute the Commissioner, SEB, assisted by the Director, SEB as Supervisory Officer in place of Inspector General of Police, Rayalaseema Region, for effective control of Red Sanders smuggling by amending the G.O.Ms.No.103, EFS&T (Section.II) Department, dated.29.12.2014.

7. In the G.O.8th read above, orders have been issued amending para-4(f) of G.O.Ms.No.103, EFS&T(Section-II) Department, dated 29.12.2014, stating that the "Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force (RSASTF) shall function under the administrative control of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) and under the operational control of the Director General of Police and functions under the supervision of the **Commissioner, Special Enforcement Bureau, assisted by the Director, Special Enforcement Bureau, for the effective control of Red Sanders smuggling".**

8. In the Memo 9th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has been requested to furnish necessary proposals to amend relevant sections / rules in the Acts / Rules to facilitate searches, seizures, arrests, and investigate of cases involving Red Sanders smuggling and other associated crimes by the Sub-Inspector of SEB.

9. In the G.O.10th read above, the General Administration (SEB-I) Department have issued orders rescinding the 12 GOs issued by the GA(SEB) Department as a part of the restructuring of the Prohibition & Exercise Department and requested the Departments of Forest, Industries and Commerce (Mines), Home and Finance to take steps to rescind the GOs related to the "Special Enforcement Bureau".

10. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby rescind the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.1, EFS&T (Section.II) Department, dated 21.01.2022, in connection with the "Special Enforcement Bureau", Consequently, paragraph 4(f) of G.O.Ms.No.103, EFS&T (Section II) Department, dated 29.12.2014, shall come into effect.

11. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh and the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh (HoPD) shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
HoFF, A.P. Mangalagiri.

The Director General of Police,

Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Commissioner,
Special Enforcement Bureau, A.P.
Vijayawada

All the Collectors and District Magistrates of all Districts of A.P.

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The Home Department.
The Finance Department.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Vijayawada.
The Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.
The PS to Secretary to CM.
The OSD to Dy. CM(PR, RD, RWS; FES&T)
The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.
The PS to Spl.CS to Govt., EFS&T Dept.
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